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11 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Executive Secretary

FROM: J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, DCI History Staff

SUBJECT: Permission to Speak to Two Faculty Groups, University of
Texas, Austin, 1 April 1988

REFERENCE:

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1. This is to request your approval to speak to two faculty groups at the University of Texas, Austin, on Friday, 1 April 1988. I believe that both occasions will contribute to the Agency's effort to build new contacts with the academic community, especially in the major research universities.

2. The principal occasion for my visit to Texas is an invitation to give a paper on "British and American Seapower in the Pacific between the World Wars" to a Faculty Seminar on British Studies at the University of Texas, Austin, on the afternoon of Friday, 1 April 1988. This session of the Faculty Seminar is in honor of Professor William Braisted, a distinguished naval historian who is retiring this year from the history faculty of the University of Texas. I'll submit my paper, which will not be based on my CIA work, to the Publication Review Board before I give it.

3. While I am at the University of Texas, my host, Professor Wm. Roger Louis of the History Department, has asked me also to speak to an informal history faculty luncheon, about the CIA History Staff and its role in the Historical Review Program. While this talk concerns my CIA work, it will focus on a program aimed specifically at earning good will for the Agency from the academic world in general, and from professional historians in particular. (The attached DCI notice describes this program as it was established in 1985.) I'll also submit my notes for this talk to the Publication Review Board before I give it.

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Austin, 1 April 1988

4. I understand the provisions of the reference noted above. If you
approve this request, I'll notify the Public Affairs Office and the Academic
Coordinator.

[Redacted Signature]

J. Kenneth McDonald

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Attachment

APPROVED:

[Redacted Signature]

Executive Director

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

18 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Historical Review Program

1. In October 1983, when the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence took up a bill to permit the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to exempt certain CIA files from search under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Senator David Durenberger wrote to me about an issue highlighted by the Agency's work with the Committee. This issue was the need to make more declassified Agency materials available to historians. "As historians write the definitive works on the post-World War II era," Senator Durenberger wrote, "it is terribly important that their studies be based on as full a record as possible, consistent with the need to protect our national security." He therefore urged me to establish procedures for reviewing and declassifying some of the material in files not covered by the bill's exemptions. Recognizing that such a program would be a burden for the Agency, he offered to lead the effort to provide budgetary support for new positions to be devoted to this project.

2. I share Senator Durenberger's views on the need for an accurate historical record, and on 4 October 1983 I wrote him stating, "If Congress is willing to provide the resources, I am prepared to institute a new program of selective declassification review of those materials we believe would be of greatest historical interest and most likely to result in declassification of useful information."

3. The agreement by this exchange of letters envisioned an Agency Historical Review Program organized after the passage of the prospective CIA Information Act and using additional resources Congress would provide for this purpose. I had already asked the Chief of the History Staff, however, to explore a program to release historical materials from the World War II period. As a result of this initiative, the Agency took steps to transfer to the National Archives its entire holdings of declassified World War II Office of Strategic Services (OSS) permanent records, a large collection of major historical importance. This transfer began a year ago and up to now the National Archives has received and opened to public research approximately 800 cubic feet of these declassified OSS records. As I wrote to Senator Durenberger in June 1984, this transfer constitutes "an important first step in implementing the selective declassification program I promised to initiate last October."

4. In October 1984 Congress passed the CIA Information Act, which relieves the Agency from the burden of searching certain designated files in response to FOIA requests. The Agency's commitment to a Historical

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FROM: J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, DCI History Staff
SUBJECT: Permission to Serve as Panel Discussant at a Scholarly
Meeting, 11 June 1988
REFERENCE:

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1. I would like to request your approval to serve as a discussant on a panel on "The Uses of Intelligence Sources in Diplomatic History" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. This society will meet at the American University, Washington, D.C., 9-11 June 1988, and the attached letter and panel description from the program committee co-chairmen indicate the nature of my proposed participation. The other panel members are the Deputy Chief Historian of the Department of State, a Senior Historian from NSA, and a professor of history at the University of Utah. I'll submit notes for my comments, which will focus on CIA's Historical Review Program, to the Publication Review Board before taking part in this panel.

2. I understand the provisions of the reference noted above. If you approve this request, I'll notify the Public Affairs Office and the Academic Coordinator.

J. Kenneth McDonald

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Attachments

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Date

14 MAR 1988

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February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. McDonald,

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations program committee met during the American Historical Association convention and decided to include you as a discussant in the agenda for the 1988 meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for all sessions. Please read them carefully. Paper writers are expected to get copies of their papers to the panel chair and commentators by May 9, 1988. Information on local arrangements will follow in about six weeks.

Your session will be scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, from 1:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.. Enclosed is a copy of your panel description as it will appear in the conference program.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the 1988 SHAFR conference.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bernkopf Tucker

Nancy Bernkopf Tucker
Georgetown University

Robert Beisner

Robert Beisner
The American University

26 FEB 1988

1:15-3:15 P.M.

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